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PACKAGE FOR MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced a special package for the promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including Andhra Pradesh, State and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether the ailing traditional industries in the country are taken care of under such schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of schemes formulated in this regard. ?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) The Government has announced a package for the Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in Lok Sabha on 27 Feb, 2007, which, inter alia, contains promotional support measures through legislation, credit, fiscal, cluster, technology and quality upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial and managerial training, empowerment of women, Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and strengthening of the data base. The Central schemes /incentives are not state specific and are implemented uniformly all over the country.

(c) & (d) In addition to the initiatives announced under the Package for MSEs, (including traditional industries), the Government, with a view to revive and modernize the traditional industries, launched the 'Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries' (SFURTI), for the development of around 100 clusters of Khadi, village and coir industries over a period of five years beginning 2005-0 6 in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), which, interalia, provides for need-based assistance for replacement of production equipment, setting up of common facility centers (CFC), product development, quality improvement, improved marketing, training and capacity building, etc.

Further, in accordance with the " Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises" announced by on 10 August 2005, the RBI has issued detailed guidelines on 8th September 2005 relating to debt restructuring mechanism to facilitate restructuring of debt of all eligible MSMEs (including traditional industries).